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DEPARTMENT FOR AF FOR MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRG AID TO CHAD

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REFS: (A) BONN 12106 (EXDIS - NOTAL)
(B) STATE 176512 (EXDIS - NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: PLANNED FRG ASSISTANCE TO CHAD HAS
BOGGED DOWN IN INTER--MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS. END
SUMMARY.

1. WORKING LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND MINISTRIES OF ECONOMICS, ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND FINANCE MET ON AUGUST 3 TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF PROPOSED DM 4-5 MILLION COMMODITY AID GRANT TO CHAD. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE PARTICIPANT, ALL WERE IN AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH AID EXCEPT REPRESENTATIVE FROM FINANCE. MINISTRY OF FINANCE IS APPARENTLY HOLDING TO ITS POLICY OF BARRING NEW AID TO COUNTRIES IN ARREARS ON EXISTING DEBTS. AS REPORTED REF A, CHAD OWES APPROXIMATELY DM 1.5 MILLION.

2. SINCE ATTEMPT TO SOLVE DILEMMA ON WORKING LEVEL HAS FAILED, OUR CONTACT EXPECTS THE DISPUTE TO BE ELEVATED TO POLITICAL LEVELS OF THE RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES. IF FINANCE CANNOT BE CONVINCED ON THE STATE SECRETARY LEVEL, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE MATTER UP DIRECTLY WITH FINANCE MINISTER APEL.

3. WE ARE TOLD THAT THERE IS NO SLACKENING OF FOREIGN OFFICE'S RESOLVE TO AID CHAD. THEREFORE, TO FINESS WHAT IS PERCEIVED AS A FINANCE MINISTRY TECHNICALITY, THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS BEGINNING TO EXPLORE ITS OTHER OPTION: HUMANITARIAN AID. THIS AID CAN BE ALLOCATED FROM STRICTLY FOREIGN OFFICE FUNDS. SUCH ASSISTANCE WAS NOT CONSIDERED INITIALLY BECAUSE IT IS INTENDED FOR REFUGEES AND VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS. EXTENDING

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AID OF THIS TYPE TO CHAD, WHERE THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS SEEN LITTLE EVIDENCE OF EITHER, WOULD BE HARD TO JUSTIFY.

4. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS AWARE OF ATTEMPTS TO MEDIATE THE CONFLICT BY NIGER AND NIGERIA (REF B), BUT HAS LITTLE INFORMATION TO OFFER. THE CHAD DESK TELLS US THAT THE FRG HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT ABOUT MEDIATION.

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